# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF PROJECT EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up a Project Export Promotion Council and also create an export development fund to access the global market;

(b) if so, whether any modalities for the Council have been considered;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which this project export council will finalise the funds utilization?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Government had constituted a Task Force under the Chairmanship of the Joint Secretary (Foreign Trade & Investment) in the Department of Economic Affairs to give recommendations on promotion of project exports. The Task Force in their report submitted in January, 2003 has, inter-alia, recommended establishment of a Project Export Promotion Council and creation of an Export Development Fund (EDF).

(b) & (c) The Task Force has recommended that the Project Export Promotion Council (PEPC) will act as an apex organisation for enhancing project exports. Regarding modalities of PEPC, Task Force has recommended that, PEPC will be an autonomous body and the main function of the body would be to create an effective synergy among Indian Missions, Government of India, Exim India, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC), Industry Associations and Commercial Banks to ensure early identification of projects, intelligence collection, maintenance of centralised database, encouragement to consortia approach etc. Task Force has further recommended that a Director General, who would be a permanent invitee of the High Powered Standing Committee also to be set up as per the Task Force`s recommendations, would head PEPC. The PEPC will also include divisions to handle Consultancy and Technology Development. As per the recommendations of Task Force, the equity contribution for creation of this body would come from Government, Industry/Industry Associations and Institutions.

(d) Under the Exim Bank Act of Exim India, Government of India has appointed Exim India to administer the EDF on behalf o Government of India. With a view to enable Exim India to provide long term funding on competitive soft terms for project exports, the Task Force has suggested that Government of India may consider funding the EDF in US Dollars over a periodAccording to the Task Force, EDF could be an appropriate vehicle for making available substantial funds for the identified purpose of supporting project exports.